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House No. HB0672
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 16
and Title 3, relative to term limitations for members of
Congress and the General Assembly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 16, is amended by adding
the following new section:

(a) No person elected to the office of representative or senator in congress shall
serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years in either house.

(b) For the purpose of calculating the twelve (12) year limitation, the beginning
date shall be the date of the November general election in 1996.

(c) After serving twelve (12) consecutive years as either a representative or a
senator in congress, a person shall be eligible to run for election as either a
representative or senator in congress after the expiration of four (4) years.

(d) The time served by any person elected or appointed to serve less than a full
term to fill a vacancy shall not be included in the limitations of this section.

(e) No person who has completed twelve (12) consecutive years as a representative or senator in congress shall thereafter be eligible to serve a partial term until after the expiration of four (4) years.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) No person elected to the office of representative or senator shall serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years in either house.

(b) For the purpose of calculating the twelve (12) year limitation, the beginning date shall be the date of the November general election in 1996.

(c) After serving twelve (12) consecutive years as either a representative or a senator , a person shall be eligible to run for election as either a representative or senator after the expiration of four (4) years.

(d) The time served by any person elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy shall not be included in the limitations of this section.

(e) No person who has completed twelve (12) consecutive years as a representative or senator shall thereafter be eligible to serve a partial term until after the expiration of four (4) years.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.